**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Higher Education – The Andhra Pradesh Private Degree Colleges (Admission of Students into Category-B seats) Rules, 2021 for filling up of Category-B seats in Under Graduate courses offered by Private (Unaided College/ Aided College-only unaided sections) Degree Colleges including Private Autonomous Degree Colleges in the State – Orders – Issued.

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**HIGHER EDUCATION (CE.A2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No.55 Dated:07.10.2021

Read the following:-

1) G.O.Ms.No.74, Higher Education (EC.2) Department, dated 28.07.2011
2) G.O.Ms.No.34, Higher Education (CE) Department, dated 15.10.2020.
3) G.O.Rt.No.13, Higher Education (UE)Dept., dated. 02.02.2021
4) From the Member-Secretary, A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission, Tadepalli, Letter No.86, APHERMC/ADMN/ 2021, dated.16.06.2021.
5) From the Member-Secretary, A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission, Tadepalli, Letter No.86-A, APHERMC/ADMN/ 2021, dated.15.07.2021.

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ORDER:-

Education is regarded as one that contributes to social, political, cultural and economic transformation of a country. The prosperity of any Nation is intrinsically linked to its human resources. The strength of a Nation is dependent on its intellectual and skilful citizens. A quality human capital comes from a quality education process. A carefully designed and well planned education system is critical to developing such human capital.

2. The Private Degree College managements were following a process of admission of students without following any rule of reservation, transparent object criteria for considering merit till the Academic Year 2019-20. Further as reported in few instances some of the managements collected higher fee in violation of provisions of Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983.

3. Keeping this in view, first time ever in the history of Higher Education, the Government has taken several measures such as introduction of online admissions in the year 2020-21 for all Degree Colleges in the State duly issuing rules vide the GO second read above for online admissions into undergraduate courses offered by all Government / Private (Aided/Unaided) Degree Colleges including Autonomous Colleges in order to curb malpractices, conduct fair and merit based admissions in a transparent basis and establishment of AP Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (APHER&MC) to promote uniform development of quality education in higher educational institutions with particular focus of ensuring maintenance of Standards of education, regulation of fee, service conditions of teachers, to safeguard the interest of students and to ensure public spiritedness, equity, excellence and probity along with good governance and to regulate all matters pertaining to Higher Education.

4. Further, for promoting uniform development of quality education, the Government has stipulated mandatory accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions, vide the GO third read above, within the next 3 years as only 1% of the total number of private degree colleges have accreditation currently.

5. Private Un-aided Degree Colleges are required to improve their instructional and infrastructure facilities and therefore these colleges have to make sufficient investment for the same for furtherance of education and to improve quality. Hence Category - B seats, which is in vogue for admission into professional colleges are introduced as an incentive to enable these colleges to reach the benchmark for accreditation.

6. Additionally, vide the letter fifth read above, received in continuation to the letter fourth read above, the Member-Secretary, APHER&MC has informed that the Commission recommends for extension of the same formula of seat sharing i.e., (70%:30%) in the case of UG & PG Degree Colleges as is allowed for Under Graduate Professional Colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh as mentioned in the G.O. first read above and also, in view of regulation 5(36)(b) of APHER&MC Regulations, the Commission recommends to the Government that the Private Unaided Degree Colleges may be permitted to collect higher fee for the management quota up to three times of the fee fixed and notified for the convener quota and the additional amount so collected shall be utilized for the development of the college infrastructural and instructional facilities.

7. 80% of private unaided degree colleges exist in rural Andhra Pradesh. In fact, 72.77% of the total number of private unaided degree colleges, majority of which are located in rural areas, have made less than 70% admissions as per online admission data of academic year 2020-21. Hence, the decision of introducing 30% of seats under Category – B will not affect the poor students belonging to rural Andhra Pradesh. However, in order to provide an impetus to private unaided degree colleges desirous of providing quality education and thereby meet the standards of accreditation, the leverage provided in terms of collection of up to 3 times the fee fixed by APHER&MC for admissions made under Management quota will facilitate enhancing the standard of education provided in these institutions through development of infrastructure and other amenities. Keeping this in view, the Government has considered the recommendation of APHER&MC to introduce 30% of seats under Category – B in private unaided degree colleges.

8. The following notification will be published in an extraordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated: 07.10.2021.

## NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 3 and 15 of Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No.5 of 1983), the Government hereby make the following rules for admission into Category-B seats in Under Graduate courses offered by Private (Unaided College/Aided College-only unaided sections) Degree Colleges including Private Autonomous Degree Colleges in the State:-

**1. Short tile, applicability and commencement:**

(i) These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Private Degree Colleges (Admission of Students into Category-B seats) Rules, 2021

(ii) These rules shall apply to all Private (Unaided College/ Aided College- only unaided sections) Degree Colleges including Private Autonomous Degree Colleges in the State.

(iii) These rules shall come into force from the academic year 2021-22.

**2. Definitions:**

(i) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

a) *"Aided College"* means a Private College which receives grant-in-aid from the State Government;
b) *"Affiliated College"* means a College within the University area affiliated to the University in accordance with the conditions prescribed;
c) "APHER&MC" means AP Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission established under the Act No. 20 of 2019.
d) *"Autonomous College"* means a Private affiliated college on which the status of autonomy has been conferred by the University as per the guidelines of the UGC;
e) *"College"* means an academic institution affiliated to a University offering Under Graduate Courses or above;
f) *"Candidate"* means an eligible person seeking admission into any course/program of study offered by an Institute;
g) "Convener (Admissions)" means Convener of Admissions nominated by competent authority for each year of admissions under the Andhra Pradesh Online Admission(for admission of the students into undergraduate courses in Arts, Science, Social Sciences, Commerce, Management, Computer Applications, Social work etc., including Honours) Rules, 2020 issued vide G.O.Ms.No.34, HE(CE) Department, dt:15/10/2020 and as amended from time to time;
h) "Degree Online Admissions Rules 2020" means the Andhra Pradesh Online Admission(for admission of the students into undergraduate courses in Arts, Science, Social Sciences, Commerce, Management, Computer Applications, Social work etc., including Honours) Rules, 2020 issued vide G.O.Ms.No.34, HE(CE) Department, dt:15/10/2020 and as amended from time to time;
i) "Government" means State Government of Andhra Pradesh
j) *"Institute"* means an Unaided College / Aided College(only unaided sections) including Autonomous College offering Undergraduate Courses in the State;
k) "UGC" means University Grants Commission constituted under the Parliament Act 1957;
l) "*Unaided College*" means a College other than a Government Degree College which does not receive any grant-in-aid from the State Government and functions with the prior approval of the Competent Authority and affiliation of the university concerned.
m) "University" means a University established and incorporated as a University in the Schedule of the AP Universities Act 1991;

(ii) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the respective Act of the Institution/University.

**3. Method of admission for Category-B seats:**

(i) All the seats to be allotted for admission of candidates, under the rules notified in G.O.Ms.No.34, Higher Education (CE) Department, dt:15/10/2020, into each course/program offered by an Institute shall be classified as follows:
    a. Category-A seats (Convenor Quota Seats)
    b. Category-B seats (Management Quota Seats)

(ii) The total number of candidates to be admitted to any course/program offered by an Institute shall not exceed the limits prescribed by the concerned affiliating University from time to time.

(iii) The Category-A seats shall be 70% of sanctioned intake of seats in each course/program offered by the Institute/ which shall be filled with eligible candidates as per the rules prescribed in the Degree Online Admissions Rules 2020.

(iv) The Category-B seats shall be 30% of the total intake of seats in each course/program offered by the Institute, which shall be open for admission to all the eligible candidates on merit basis including those candidates belonging to other States/Union Territories of India

a) These seats shall be filled with eligible candidates, as per rules 3 to 7 under the Degree Online Admissions Rules 2020 or as per the procedure notified by the Government from time to time.
b) The Institute shall not issue any notification and receive the applications on their own. Notification shall be issued by the Convener (Admissions).
c) Admissions for Category-B seats shall also be made by the Convener(Admissions) through a single window system along with Category-A seats i.e., Convener Quota seats through online web-based admission counseling.
d) Convener(Admissions) shall notify the cut off dates for each stage of admissions.
e) Each Institute is hereby permitted to fix tuition fee for Category-B seats to a maximum of 3 times of the tuition fee as fixed by the APHER&MC for Category-A seats of the respective course/program offered by the respective Institute. The fee so fixed by the Institute within the above specified limit separately for each course/program shall be informed to the Convener(Admissions).
f) The Institute shall inform the seats available under Category-B seats for each course/program offered by the Institute to the Convener(Admissions).
g) Accordingly, the Convener(Admissions) shall notify the number of Category-B seats and tuition fee for each course/program offered by the Institute.
h) Candidates admitted under Category-B shall not be eligible for any of the Government schemes such as Jagananna Vidya Deevena (RTF), Jagananna Vasathi Deevena (MTF) etc.,
i) Candidates shall apply/register separately for both Category-A and Category-B seats.
j) Candidates securing a seat under Category-B quota can apply for Category-A seats in subsequent rounds of counseling.

(v) The Convener (Admissions) shall handover the vacant Category-B seats, if any to the Institute concerned after conducting all phases of the counseling.

(vi) The Institute shall fill, on merit basis, such vacant Category-B seats handed over by the Convener(Admissions) in each course/program offered by the Institute. The vacant Category-B seats in each course/program shall be filled with eligible candidates through institutional spot admission ensuring merit and transparency as prescribed in rules 3 to 7, 9, 11 and 12 under the Degree Online Admissions Rules 2020 or as per the procedure notified by the Government from time to time.

(vii) The Institute shall obtain ratification from Convener(Admissions) for all such admissions.

(viii) The Convener (Admissions) shall prepare the final list of candidates, admitted course/program-wise and Institute-wise and

send the same to the concerned Institute and their affiliating University.

(ix) All candidates registered for online web based admission counseling shall upload copies of the certificates in the web portal which shall be verified by the designated verification officer. However, the Institute concerned shall verify the original certificates of candidates admitted to the institutions at the time of reporting to the Institute.

(x) Any complaint/appeal against the selection shall be made to the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (APHER&MC).

(xi) The managements shall comply with the above instructions and failure in implementing the same shall entail actions as per the relevant Acts and Rules in force.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**SATISH CHANDRA**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery, Guntur
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The Chairman, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.
The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri.
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The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, A.P., Vijayawada
The Registrars of all Universities in the State.

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